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Meeting of Ways and Means Committee held Jan. 11th.,1898. The meeting was called to order at 11 o'clock with Mrs Roberts in the chair.

Mrs Pierson reported a conference held with the Board of Home Missions at which it was suggested that inasmuch as the Woman of Home Missionary Societies observe the last Thursday in February as a day of humiliation and prayer,that the scopc of such observance be enlarged and they unite with the pastor and session of their respective churches in devoting the whole week from Feb. 20th to 27th.,to this humbling before God and actual self-denial for the sake of mission work in our own land. After discussion it was voted that the chair appoint a committee to draft a circular letter to be sent to all Presbyterial Secretaries urging them to present this matter to their societies. The chair appointed Mrs Pierson, Mrs Sinclair,Mrs Boyd,Mrs Honeyman and Mrs Finks.

Announcement was made that the monthly prayer meeting of the Home Missionary societies of the Philadelphia Presbyteries would be held to-morrow for the first time in the new Witherspoon Building. Upon motion it was voted to send them the greeting and congratulations of the parent society.

Mrs Pierson made the sad announcement that our school building at Tahlequah,Ind.Ter. had been totally destroyed by fire. In answer to the telegram sent by Mr.Peterson,asking if he should continue the work in temporary quarters,Mr.McAfee had sent word to make what provision was necessary. Upon motion the action of Mr. McAfee was confirmed and he was authorized to make such purchases of furniture etc.,as should be neccssary.

Mr.Fait of the Mary Gregory Memorial school at Anadarko, Okl. Ter. asked permission to erect a small storage building as it is very difficult to keep meat in that warm climate. If the Woman's Board will appropriate $40 for the lumber he thinks that he and the boys of the school can do the necessary work. A motion was made to appropriate the $40 for lumber. Carried.

Mr.Temple of Locust Level,N.C. wrote that there are two or three thousand brick,much damaged by fire and weather,among the ruins of Stanley Hall; he has received an offer of $3 a thousand for them and asks permission to sell. It was moved that the brick be sold at this price; carried.

Mr.Temple also writes that several men have expressed a desire to purchase the fifty acre tract of land belonging to the Board and wish to know whether it is for sale. A motion was made to instruct Mr.McAfee to consult with Miss Ufford by whose efforts the property was secured to the Board. Carried.

Miss De Graff of Logan,Utah,who is resting in Los Angeles California,writes a very grateful letter to Mr.McAfee thanking him for the grant of half salary during her year's rest.

A corrected bill for traveling expenses from Alaska to Alva, Okl. Ter. was received from Mrs McFarland and ordered paid.

It was moved that it should be intimated to Mrs. J.F. Kenaall, first vice-president of the Woman's Board for Indiana that in the event of Mrs James not returning to the United States in season for the Annual meeting in May, it would be the most natural thing as well as the unanimous desire of the Woman's Board of Home Missions that she should preside at that meeting. Carried.

Inasmuch as the resignation of Mrs S.B. Brownell has been received and accepted the Board recommends the name of Miss V.M. White as Recording Secretary to be acted upon at the Annual meeting

Meeting adjourned.

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Minutes of the Ways and Means Committee held Feb. 8th, 1898.

A letter received from Miss Atwater of Tucson, Arizona, asked for a vacation that should cover the entire period of the school vacation; she feels that her health requires a change of climate and dreads the intense heat of the summer. Our regulation is that the teachers may divide the time, each taking six weeks away from the school, or if they prefer, alternating, one season on duty and having the full vacation the following year. It was moved that we cannot vary this rule in favor of certain teachers, but if Miss Atwater can make satisfactory arrangements with Mr. Herndon and her fellow teachers we will approve the action. This was carried.

Miss Lera Granger of Las Cruces, N.M. wrote that her mother is in a low physical condition and it is necessary that she should have immediate release from school duties. Mr. MCAfee recommended that Mrs Granger be granted a vacation until the end of her commission at full salary, she to supply a substitute, or if that is not practicable that the school be so reduced that her daughter can conduct it alone. On motion it was voted to adopt this recommendation.

Miss Fannie Taylor, American Fork, Utah, asked for a vacation in the summer to visit her home in Indiana, and made request that her traveling expenses be paid by the Board. Under our rule traveling expenses are paid one way after three consecutive years of service, and after five consecutive years expenses are paid both ways. Though Miss Taylor has been altogether eleven years in the Home Missinn work, her absence from the field during one whole school year would keep her from receiving the benefits of this regulation. In view of her long and faithful service it was moved to compromise in her case and pay traveling expenses from Indiana back to her field of labor. This was carried.

Miss Lucy Perley offered her organ to the Woman's Board of Home Missions for the school at Mt Pleasant, Utah. As Miss Perley has been most kind and generous in giving of her own and her sister's personal property for use in our work, it was moved that the hearty thanks of the Board be extended to her for her generosity. This was carried unanimously.

Mr. McMurtry of Washington College, Tenn., asked permission to exchange certain articles of furniture for superfluous table appurtenances belonging to the school. Upon motion permission was granted to make the exchange.

After prayer by Mrs Weston, the meeting adjourned at 11.30

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Minutes of Ways and Means Committee held March 8th,1898.

The resignation of Miss Jeannette Smith of Anadarko,Okl. Ter. was received and upon motion accepted with recognition of her earnest endeavor and sweet humility of spirit while in the mission work.

Miss Allison of Mount Pleasant,Utah,tendered her resignation because of approaching marriage and asked if it were possible to grant her part or the whole of the summer vacation. It was moved that this matter be left to the office.

Mrs Effie Bryce of Las Vegas,N.M. asked permission to make repairs and changes in the school building at her own expenses but as the condition at Las Vegas are too unsettled to warrant such changes,it was moved that we could not give the permission at this time for such repairs; this was carried.

A society having asked for the use of our Assembly room for an hour or two a week for a few weeks paying five dollars each meeting,it was granted to give permission and to apply the rent to the furnishing fund.

After prayer by Mrs. Burnham,the meeting adjourned.

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Minutes of the Ways and Means Committee held March 22nd, 1898.

A note was received from the women of Brooklyn Presbytery inviting the members of the Woman's Board of Home Missions to attend their Presbyterial meeting, to be held March 30th.

A request was received from the teachers of Tucson, Arizona, through Miss Atwater, that they might have the months of July and August as a vacation with the privilege of spending the time in a less trying climate, the heat during those months is so oppressive that they all feel the need of this change to fit them for the work of the school year. The mission would be left in the care of Mr. and Mrs. Herndon and Mr. and Mrs. Martin; and Miss Atwater suggested that if all the teachers worked together through June the necessary sewing could be done and the work of cleaning and preparing the building for the opening of school in the fall. The Women of the Board recognizing the difficulty of the field because of its trying climate, voted that these arrangements should be made and the request granted if it meets the approval of Mr. Herndon, the Superintendent of the school.

A letter received from Mr. Hawley, Synodical Superintendent of Okl. and Ind. Ter. suggested the closing of the day school at Old Dwight as the conditions did not in his estimation warrant the expense. It was moved that this matter be referred to Miss Lincoln for correspondence with Mrs. Alexander who supports the school. This was carried.

Mr. Peterson of Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. has been holding his school in the Methodist Church since the fire which destroyed the school building; he will be charged with a rent of $12 a month for the next two months; upon motion it was ordered paid.

During the recent epidemic of measles at Good Will, So. Dakota, Dr. Campbell has gratuitously rendered most efficient service, it was moved that his kindness should be publicly recognized and recorded on the minutes; this was carried.

Miss Leonard of Logan, Utah asked permission to leave the field and spend the summer in Kansas; it was moved to grant this request after correspondence with Miss Sammons; this was carried.

The resignation of Miss Hulburd of Salt Lake Collegiate Institute was received; Miss Hulburd has faithfully served the Woman's Board of Home Missions ten years and resigns now because of her approaching marriage; it is with much regret that the Board sever their connection with so efficient and enthusiastic a teacher, and it was moved that her resignation be accepted and our appreciation of her services be expressed. This was carried.

A letter from Miss Taylor of Springville, Utah, asked permission to solicit money among her friends for instruments and ap-

pliances for a physical laboratory; it was moved that she be granted permission to raise money to a limited extent. Carried.

Miss Maggie Cort,a Bible reader in Kentucky,asked permission to leave the field to attend General Assembly; it was moved that she be allowed to go. This was seconded and carried.

Miss Stephenson asked if Miss Crump of Brittain's Cove, N.C. should visit the Asheville schools during vacation to do dressmaking for the teachers,whether she might be boarded free of expense. It was moved that this be granted. Carried.

Dr.Duncan wrote from North Carolina to say that the site for the Marshall school has been decided upon,and land has been secured on the hill-side back of the court-house; two small lots have deeds of trust on them that cannot be removed at once,but it is anticipated that no difficulty will present itself when the encumprances can be legally removed. It was moved that the matter be referred to Mr.Olin/ this was carried.

Mrs Pierson asked what power the office had in making arrangements for the Annual Meeting ; it was moved that all arrangements for the Annual Meeting as well as for all meetings to be held in connection with it should be made by the office; this was carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11.45.

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Minutes of Ways and Means Committee held March 29th,1898. Mrs Boyd in the chair. After prayer by Mrs Parsons,the business of the day was discussed.

Miss Mathes of Park Hill,Ind.Ter. wrote that she has about $20 left over from the appropriation allowed for painting; as the teacher's home is very scantily furnished she asked for permission to use this balance in purchasing some much needed articles for the home. It was moved that she be granted permission to make this use of the money. Carried.

Miss Scott of Pajarito,N.M. reports that smallpox is in the neighborhood and asks if she shall close the school if it attacks any of the pupils. It was moved that she have authority to close the school. This was carried.

Miss Scott also asked for a coal stove as it would be necessary to purchase fuel and coal would be cheaper than wood. It was moved that this matter be left with Mrs.Pierson with power to act after correspondence; this was carried.

Mr. Hardy of St George,Utah,asked for a vacation for himself and wife; they have been on the field over four years and wish to escape the intense summer heat of St George and visit relations in the east. Upon motion the vacation was granted.

Miss McNeel,class teacher at Logan,Utah,asked that her vacation should include all the summer months; it is her first experience away from home and she wished to visit her mother who is in poor health. Upon motion it was voted to grant her the extended vacation if it met the approval of Miss Sammons,Principal of the school.

The resignation of Miss Roberts of Wellsville,Utah,was received and upon motion accepted. Miss Roberts leaves to accept a position in the Government school at Rosebud,South Dakota.

As this resignation leaves the school at Wellsville without a teacher,Dr.Wishard suggested the transfer of Miss Meiling from Nephi to Wellsville. It was moved that this transfer be made; this was carried.

Dr.Wishard suggested that Miss Whiteman be engaged for the Nephi school. Miss Whiteman was at one time commissioned by the Board and Dr.Wishard thinks that her services could be secured again. It was moved that Miss Whiteman be commissioned for the next school year at Nephi,Utah. Carried.

Miss Allison of Wasatch Academy,Mt Pleasant,Utah,leaves the field June 1st,to be married; as her commission does not expire until Sept 24th,it was moved to grant her a vacation and pay her salary until Aug 1st; this was carried.

The people of Elizabethton,Tenn., are making a great effort to build and support a school and they ask the Woman's Board

to grant them the salary of one teacher. Dr.Duncan,Synodical Missionary, advises the withdrawal of aid from Jeroldstown,and transferring our interests to this new school at Elizabethton,the expense to the Woman's Board would be the same at either place. As the Woman's Board have perfect confidence in the judgment of Dr. Duncan and Mr.McAfee who both recommend this transfer,it was moved that our support of one teacher be transferred from Jeroldstown to Elizabethton with the understanding that we be not called upon for furnishings or any expense beyond the $300 involved; this was carried.

Miss Bradshaw of Grassy Cove,Tenn., asked to be allowed to leave the field and spend the vacation at her home. Upon motion permission was granted.

A card from the Woman's American Baptist Home Missionary Society states that as a society they had sent a protest to Washington against the proposed bill to dispossess the Indians of New Metlakahtla and asked if we also would take some action. It was moved that we should ask the Board to join us in a strong protest against the bill; this was carried.

The resignation of Miss M.K.Jones as Secretary of the Young People's Department was received,the same to take effect on May 1st or as soon thereafter as can be arranged with due regard to the needs of the work. It was moved that this resignation be received with extreme regret and that Miss Jones be asked to remain with the Board until June 1st to attend the Annual Meeting and represent the department at Winona; this was carried unanimously.

After conferring with the Foreign Board concerning the exhibit at Winona,it was decided that we have such an exhibit in connection with the Board of Home Missions and upon motion the chair appointed the following committee to take charge of the matter. Mrs Parsons,Mrs Allen,Mrs Sinclair and Miss Rue.

After prayer by Mrs Sinclair the meeting adjourned.

The Ways and Means Committee was called to order at 11 A.M. on Tuesday, April 12, 1898, with Mrs. O.E. Boyd in the chair.

A letter from Miss Montgomery of Elm Springs, Ind.Ter. was read. Miss Montgomery asked that she be empowered to plan for the re-building of the school by arranging with the carpenter to accept lumber donated by men in the neighborhood and labor as well. It was moved and carried that Miss Montgomery be authorized to plan for building and to expend money to the amount of $500, further expense to be met by a new application.

Miss Fenton of La Placitas, N.M. asks that she be allowed to do more visiting, leaving the school in charge of a young woman who has lived in La Placitas for years and who is willin to aid her without remuneration from the Board. After discussion it was moved that it seemed unwise to delegate the work of the teacher to one not under commission from the Woman's Board of Home Missions, though the offer was appreciated.

Miss Case of La Costilla, N.M. asked that she be allowed to close her school early as her health demanded that she go to a lower altitude. This was granted.

The matter of the purchase of a home for the teachers at Fairview, Utah, was presented. The property under condideration adjoins the church, the price is reasonabl, and the purchase seems a desirable one. It was moved and carried that an appropriation of $500 be made for this purpose, and the action of the office confirmed.

Miss Josephine Brown, who has taught for one year at Walnut Spring, N.C. asks if she may have a vacation the coming summer and be allowed to return to her home as the change of climate has not been beneficial to her, and she feels that she needs to go north for a time in order to be ready for the work in the fall. This was granted as Mrs. Logan and Miss Cougle will remain on the field.

The ladies of Los Angeles, Cali., desire that the Spanish school be enlarged; being told that this could be done only if the $500 necessary be raised as a special, they have been working along that line, and over $80 has already been received in the New York treasury for this purpose. Without an appropriation by the Committee this money cannot be accepted. It was moved that an appropriation of $500 be made for the building of an addition to the Los Angeles school. Carried.

A letter from Senator Platt of New York was presented saying that he would present to the Senate our protest against the bill concerning Annette Island.

A letter from Miss Fraser to whom the position of Secretary of the Young People's Department has been offered, was read. Miss Fraser asks for more time to consider the matter.

Mrs Pierson asked for instructions as to directing Synodical officers in the preparation of their reports to be presented at the Annual meeting in May. Last year questions were prepared that the reports might bear upon salient points and be mutually helpful; this seemed a successful manner and it was moved, and carried, that Mrs. Finks have this matter in charge and that she add to herself such other members of a Committee as she deem necessary.

As the Board of Home Missions has an increased debt it seems unwise for schools to be reopened until this has been paid, and a discussion along this line followed. The Woman's Board has already pledged itself to assume the salaries of missionaries of the Board,

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The Ways and Means Committee meeting held on Tuesday April 26,1898,was called to order at eleven o'clock by Mrs.Honeyman. Mrs Finks opened the meeting with prayer.

The treasurer made request that an auditor be appointed to go over the year's accounts. Upon motion Rev.W.E.Honeyman was chosen auditor.

Requests for vacation were received from Miss Ordway of San Pablo,N.M.; Miss Laura Case,La Costilla,N.M. and Miss Speakman of Payson,Utah. Upon motion these were granted.

A serious physical infirmity may make it necessary for Mr Robe to withdraw from the work he has superintended for so long at Nuyaka,Ind.Ter. and seek medical attention. He suggests that his son and wife be placed in charge of the school work at Nuyaka.The matter of vacation and substitute will be considered at the Spring Conference,but because of Mr. and Mrs.Robe's long and devoted ser vice formal action was taken expressing the appreciation of the Board with the hope of full and final recovery.

Miss Spinning of Patterson's Mills,N.C. wrote of the trouble she had in combatting the tobacco habit. Patterson's Mills is a day school among the poor white population of southern North Carolina. The tobacco habit is almost universal in that section even among the young children,and it was thought better to make an effort to create a public sentiment against the use of tobacco rath er than to use severe methods that would antagonize the people. It was moved that a letter be written Miss Spinning expressing the sympathy of the Board,encouraging her in her isolated work,and sug gesting that she labor with patience as well as perseverance to gain the much desired end. This was carried.

Letters were read from Miss Phillips and Miss Pond of Hot Springs,N.C. relative to the action at the regular Board meeting requesting the withdrawal of Miss Vreeland from Dorland Institute. Both teachers strongly urged the continuance of the privileges accorded Miss Vreelandof boarding at the school and claimed that her work among the boys of the town supplemented in a very important way the work done in the day school and made effective the building up of character in the entire neighborhood. After the reading of these letters it was moved to reconsider our action requesting her removal,and after much discussion the following motion was offered. That a letter be written expressing appreciation of Miss Vreeland's work among the boys of Hot Springs,that our former action has been somewhat misunderstood upon the field,and that upon reconsideration we make Miss Vreeland welcome to a home in our school.This was seconded and carried.

After prayer by Miss Lincoln,the meeting adjourned at 11.45.

The meeting of the Ways and Means Committeewas called to order Tuesday morning May 10,1898,at eleven o'clock by Mrs.Honeyman.

After prayer by Mrs.Pingry,Miss Jones presented her annual report as Secretary for the Young People's Department.Upon motion it was accepted. Mrs.Boyd moved that a vote of thanks be offered Miss Jones for her devoted labor and consecrated work from the time she came among us to the present. Mrs.Pierson said that the officewould like to second that motion & it was heartily and unanimously carried.

Mrs White brought greetings to the Board from the presbytery of Phila.North,and read the report of Miss Boyer,who has charge of the literature room for Home Missions in the Witherspoon Building; this report showed a large increase in funds from the sale of leaflets during the year and as a natural sequence,much wider circulation.

The Finance Committee,to whom had been relegated the responsibility of securing a Secretary for the Young People's Department, presented the name of Miss M.Josephine Petrie of Plainfield,N.J.; several ladies who knew Miss Petrie spoke in her praise and after the reading of the letter from her it was moved that she be accepted for a trial time of six months on the recommendation of the Finance Committee. This was carried.

Upon Mrs.Pierson's suggestion it was moved that we ask the Nominating Committee to recommend at the Annual Meeting that the Woman's Board be empowered to fill the vacancy occurring upon the resignation of Miss Jones. This was carried.

At the time Dr. and Mrs.Marsh went to their station at Pt.Barrow,Alaska,a salary was offered to pay the salary of a teacher to accompany them; Mrs Wade who was selected could not go at the time and now Mrs.Heizer of Sitka has signified her willingness to go. Mr.McAfee recommended that she be sent if her traveling expenses and three years salary can be guaranteed. Upon motion it was voted to accept this recommendation.

Miss Brengle of Santa Fe,N.M. asked for a vacation;upon motion it was granted.

Miss Beekman of Monroe,Utah,asked for permission to leave the field and travel east during her vacation; this was granted.

Miss Whiteman had been selected to finish the school term at Nephi,Utah,as substitute for Miss Meiling transferred to Wellsville, as it was impossible for her to accept the appointment Dr.Wishard placed Miss Rose Rankin in charge and asked to have her appointment for three months confirmed. Such motion was made and carried.

Dr.Humble writing in behalf of Bible Readers appointed by him and commissioned by the Woman's Board asked if scholarships in our boarding schools could be reserved for promising pupils found in visits among the homes of mountaineers. As the ladies did not feel ready to make a definite pledge it was moved to consult with Miss Stephenson and write Dr.Humble that his proposition would be considered. This was approved.

Mrs.McNiece,Synodical President of Utah,wrote of the need felt in that Synod that a speaker should be appointed to visit the various churches to spread information and arouse a larger interest in mission work; she suggested the name of Mrs.Ferry of Park City, who would be willing to accept the appointment if her traveling expenses were guaranteed. As Mrs.Ferry would speak also in the interest of the missions of the Board of the Northwest,it was moved that we signify our willingness to share the traveling expenses and ask

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Minutes of Ways & Means Committee, May 31, 1898. After prayer by Miss Jones, the report of Mrs. McGill of Chicago, Ill, who acted as recording secretary at the Annual Meeting was presented.

A letter from Miss Florence Stephenson was read expressing gratitude and appreciation for favorable consideration given to the Home Industrial School and for the personal appreciation shown her in the increase of her salary.

Mrs. Pierson proposed Miss M.K. Jones as a member of the Advisory Committee and Ways and Means Committee and wished her name added to the Committee to provide for the missionary meetings on the third Tuesday of the month. A rising vote expressing our appreciation of Miss Jones worth and devotion to Home Mission work was taken on this motion.

Mrs. Perkins, Chairman of Over Sea and Land Committee wrote suggesting that Miss Flanigan should visit the New York office bi-monthly; Mrs. Finks moved an agreement to this proposition naming the third Friday of the month for her visit. Approved.

A letter was received from Miss Noble of Samaria, Idaho, who is in ill health, asking for a vacation and permission to leave the field. This was granted.

The members present wished it recorded on the minutes that the sense of the Committee was opposed to sending one female missionary teacher alone to isolated places remote from Christian influences.

After the Finance Committee reported that they had investigated the matter of appropriation for furniture, it was moved that Miss Meiling be advised to spend her appropriation of $50 for necessary furniture and that Mrs. Finks be authorized to appeal through the magazine for carpets, curtains &c. This was seconded and carried.

After prayer by Mrs. Finks, the meeting adjourned.

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Minutes of Ways and Means Committee held September 13th, 1898. The meeting was called to order by Mrs.Honeyman and opened with prayer by the chairman.

Upon Mrs.Pierson's suggestion it was moved that the Recording Secretary be empowered to prepare a new form of postal notice of meetings to be sent out under her own signature; this was carried.

Miss H.E.Burnet was proposed as a member of the Advisory Committee and Committee of Ways and Means and was unanimously elected.

A request was received from Mrs.McFarland of Hoonah, Alaska for a stove, as Mr. and Mrs.Carl have been commissioned for that point it was proposed that they be authorized to purchase the stove and carry it with their effects, then the suggestion was made that there might be a stove available at Juneau so upon motion it was moved to be left to the office with power

After prayer by Mrs.Pingry the meeting adjourned.

Minutes of Ways and Means Committee held October 11, 1898.

As there was no vice-president in attendance Mrs.Parsons was called to the chair by the vote of the members present. After a few moments of silent prayer Mrs.Pingry presented the docket, the first business discussed was a request received from Mrs.Alexander of the Methodist church, South, asking the privilege to print two of our leaflets - Dorothy's Secret and Her Offering. After discussion it was voted to make an offer to furnish the said leaflets at $5 per 1000 copies.

At their recent meeting, the Presbytery of Brooklyn passed a resolution concerning Mormonism which they wish to have distributed throughout all the Presbyterian and corresponding ecclesiastical bodies of other denominations, they ask the Woman's Board to print 10,000 copies - of which they will pay for an distribute 2000 copies as samples and ask us to be a depository for the remainder and charge sufficient to cover expense of printing and handling Mrs Bennett moved that the proposition of the Presbytery be accepted; this motion was approved by a rising vote.

Meeting adjourned.

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The Ways and Means Committee was called to order Sept.27, 1898 at eleven o'clock by Mrs Honeyman.

After prayer by Mrs.Campbell,Mrs.Pierson presented the draft of a letter to be sent by the Board of Home Missions to the Presbyterial Committee,urging that a systematic movement be inaugurated in all churches to wipe out the debt of the Board; in this effort the co-operation of the women is desired,and the Cor.Sec. read letters to be sent to Presbyterial Presidents and by them to be circulated among local churches,asking each woman to act as an individual "promoter" of this movement in her church. Upon motion the communications as read were unanimously adopted.

Mr.Herndon,Supt. of school at Tucson,Arizona,made requisition for boys'clothing. Upon motion his request was granted.

Mr.Caskey of Salt Lake Collegiate Institute,sent a prospectus of a historical work greatly needed as a reference in the college library; the ladies of the committee realized the advantage such works of reference would be in our advanced schools and especially in the Mormon country,but money cannot be appropriated from the General Fund for such purchases,therefore it was moved that an appeal be made through the magazine for this and similar works. This was carried.

Miss Pond,matron at Dorland Institute,Hot Springs,N.C. asked permission to oil the floors and so prevent them from splintering and also lighten the work of scrubbing. A substitute for the oil being suggested it was moved to leave the matter to the office with power. Carried.

At Jupiter,N.C. twoteachers were commissioned,one to be paid from the public school fund,as this is not now available it was moved that the matter be left to Mr.McAfee for re-adjustment; carried.

Meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs.Sinclair.

The Ways and Means Committee held their regular meeting on Tuesday,November 22nd,1898. It was with great pleasure that the women of the Board welcomed back their President,Mrs Darwin R.James Mrs James had been absent in Europe for nearly a year and a half and her counsel and enthusiastic interest in all home mission work have been much missed in our Board meetings,therefore an unusual number of ladies were present to give her a most hearty welcome,and it gave much satisfaction to them to have her preside over the deliberations of the day.

In reply to a letter received from the lawyer at Juneau, Alaska,the School Committee of the Board recommended selling all the property on one side of the street with the old school building for not less than $7000 cash or $7500 with part on mortgage; this will necessitate moving the church building to the vacant lot opposite the manse. It was moved that the recommendation of the Board be adopted - this was carried.

Mr.Clemenson of Logan,Utah,has had the use of the manse for keeping it in repair,it was suggested that it would be well to rest this responsibility on the church congregation,therefore it was moved that the trustees of the church be allowed the privilege of meeting this expense; this was confirmed.

The superintendent of the New Jersey Academy,at Logan, Utah,asked that a certain number of scholarships be allowed that school. It was moved and carried that five scholarships be granted

On the suggestion of Mr.Campbell it was moved that Mr. Eugene Young be invited to meet and address the Woman's Board on the third Tuesday of December,this was carried. Mr.Campbell also suggested that the Woman's Board take immediate action to reach through their Presbyterial and local societies,the various Congressional representatives and through them present to Congress a petition to refuse to allow Mr.B.H.Roberts,Congressman-elect from Utah, to take his seat as being a polygamist and a criminal in the eye of the law. A motion to this effect was made giving the office power to print whatever was deemed necessary; this was carried.

A letter was received from Rev.Mr.Dennison of Washington College,offering hotel property in Rockwell,Tenn:,provided the Woman's Board would equip it for a school &c.. It was moved that the offer be declined with thanks as the Board could not undertake any new work; this was carried.

The action of the Synod of Tennessee in its relations with Washington College was approved.

The professor of music who rents the Assembly Room asked the use of the room on Tuesday afternoons after four o'clock. Upon motion the request was approved.

The request of Miss Mattoon of the Normal Collegiate Institute,Asheville,N.C. to consider establishing a prayer league, was laid aside to wait for a report of the same from Mrs.Bulkley. On motion the Committee stood adjourned at 12.15.

The Ways and Means Committee was called to order on Tuesday,Nov. 29th,at eleven o'clock by Mrs.W.E.Honeyman.

After prayer by Mrs .Weston the business of the day was considered; Mrs.Pierson stated that in response to the invitation sent to sister organizations to unite with us in our effort to check the aggressive power of the Mormon church,replies had been received from the Congregational and Reformed Societies.

A letter was received from Mr.W.E.Bates chairman of the H.M. Committee of Winnebago Presbytery,Minn.,asking the Board to commission,at a salary of $200,a young Bohemian woman to work among her fellow countrymen at New Prague,Minn.,no other Protestant work is being done among this settlement of 1800 souls and the opportunity and privilege to enter in and possess the land seemed very urgent; but it was moved that we have no fund to draw from for this work and do not see our way clear to undertake it. Carried.

The work of the Bible Readers in the mountains of West Virginia,Tennessee and Kentucky under the care of Dr.Humble has been signally blessed,many most lawless characters have been gathered into churches and much permanent good accomplished; now,Dr. Humble thinks the time has come when a different kind of work must be done,especially among the girls,therefore he proposed to the Woman's Board that industrial homes be established in certain centres where twenty-five or more girls could have a year's training in home-making arts before their early marriages. This would necessitate on the part of the Woman's Board the expense of building and equipment and the matron's salary. Mrs.Finks moved that we record our sense of gratitude for the care Dr.Humble has given to this Bible Reader work,and our sympathy in this new plan which is a natural expansion of the work; that we recommend to the School Committee of the Board that a sufficient appropriation be made to initiate such a scheme,but that the funds shall be raised outside of our regular sources of income,that is,that Dr.Humble shall have warrant for appeals to individuals and that we shall ask for contributions entirely as an extra.

Dr.Foote,chairman of the Committee of the Brooklyn Presbytery,expects to communicate with the other denominations urging concentrated action to oppose the spread of Mormonism in our land, and offered to enclose in his communication any statement which the Woman's Board wishes to send out to the women of these churches. It was moved that we gratefully accept this offer of Dr.Foote's and that permission be granted to print such a statement to be forwarded to him. This was carried.

The name of Mrs S.Beach Jones was proposed as a member of the Advisory Committee and upon motion Mrs.Jones was elected.

The action of the School Committee and Board of Home Missions to secure titles for all property either in its own right or as trustee for the Woman's Board was upon motion confirmed.

Miss Lincoln stated that she had found the living room and teachers rooms at Anadarko,bare of comforts and asked permission to secure funds for furnishings - upon motion such permission was granted.

After prayer by Mrs.Weston,meeting adjourned.

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Mrs. Weston, chairman presided after devotional meeting led by Mrs. Cruikshank. Mrs Pierson presented the outline of the campaign against Mormonism and the unseating of B.H. Roberts, Congressman-elect of Utah. She asked that Mr. Campbell's statement prepared for the Woman's Board be heard, and that the question of submitting it to Ex-Senator Edmunds be considered - also the question of compensation be decided. Mr. Campbell then read the former petition to be sent out for signatures of voters which shall be given to Congressmen in their various districts, and also the collection of proofs, legal and moral reasons, against the seating of Roberts, which must accompany the petition. Action taken that Mr. Campbell be authorized to confer with Ex-Senator Edmunds, and his expenses paid. Action taken that the minimum price paid to Mr. Campbell for his work on this and other Mormon literature for us, be one hundred dollars - to be advanced from the Literature Fund and repaid to that fund as we shall have special contributions for this patriotic movement.

Mrs. James recommended that in order to reach Southern representatives in Congress, through the Presbyterial Church South, who object to Woman's work, we shall ask the Board of Home Missions to come to our help, and also that they appeal to other denominations to co-operate through their Boards. Carried.

Miss Rachel Irwin of Nephi, Utah, has need of a pupil-companion in the home. Action taken that a scholarship be obtained for such pupil.

Miss Davidson formerly a Bible Reader in W.Va., is now disabled by illness and in need of money. While on the field she put $300 of her own money into the erection of the missionaries' home now occupied by her successors and owned by the Board. It was understood between herself and Dr. Humble who superintends the work of the Bible Readers that in course of time this money should be refunded to her as contributions should be received for the work at this point. Her illness stops her own work and also leaves her in need of the money. Action taken that Dr. Humble have warrant to appeal for it, and that Miss Lincolnreceive and apply such "specials as can be influenced this way.

Mr. Ross of Albuquerque, N.M. makes requisition again for the new conveyance now absolutely necessary. Action taken that the estimate of $107.50 be approved and permission given to buy the carriage-the money to be appealed for as a special.

Motion made by Mrs. James that our organ be removed from the Assembly Room to make way for better adjustment of those necessarily there by reasonof our rental of the room. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

MRS. DARWIN R. JAMES, PRESIDENT.
MRS. FREDERICK H. PIERSON, COR. SECRETARY.
MISS M. JOSEPHINE PETRIE, YOUNG PEOPLE'S SEC'Y.
MISS S. F. LINCOLN, TREASURER.

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Minutes of Ways and Means Committee, December 27th, 1898.
Mrs. Weston in chair.

Before the docket was presented Rev. Mr. Campbell gave an account of his interview with ex-Senator Edmunds. Mr. Edmunds interprets the constitution in such a way that B. H. Roberts is entitled to his seat in Congress. Therefore Senator Edmunds would recommend that the petition sent out should not be a protest against Mr. Roberts' taking his seat but a petition that he be promptly expelled from Congress after the roll is made up. Mrs. James moved that Mr. Campbell confer with Dr. Josiah Strong in order that we may know along what line his League intend to push the Mormon campaign. Mrs. James suggested the appointment of a committee who will collect and receive funds for the work of this Mormon campaign, since money is needed to carry it on and nothing can be taken from our contributions. This suggestion was afterwards put in the form of a motion and carried.

It was also moved and carried that the arrangement of a plan for action be placed in the hands of a committee, with Mrs. D. R. James as chairman.

Mrs. James read a letter from Dr. Strong in which he heartily commended the work of the Woman's Board and made suggestions and offered to place lecturers in the field. In order to understand more accurately the plan of work of this League it was moved and carried that Mrs. James confer with Dr. Strong in order that we may know in what way we can best co-operate with the League.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Darwin R. James, President.
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Minutes of meeting held March 1st, 1898. Mrs Honeyman in the chair.

The Treasurer reported that the receipts were $1,800.00 less for February of this year than for the corresponding month last year.

Of the unfinished business, Mrs Pierson reported that Mrs. Granger of Las Cruces, N.M. accepted our arrangement for her vacation, and she will make provision for a substitute to remain with her daughter for the remainder of the year.

Mrs. Walker, Chairman of the Publication Committee, reported that a plan of work had been outlined by the Publication Committee, this work to be done by the office and by experienced workers on the field.

The Chairman of the Hospitality Committee not being present, Mrs. Pierson reported that Mrs. Sinclair was entertaining one of our missionaries, - Mr. Jeffrey of the Farm School - and that Mrs Slade was entertaining Mrs. DeVore, and extended an invitation to Dr. Jackson, also to Edward Marsden.

Mrs. Campbell reported in the absence of the Chairman of Indian Committee.

Mrs. Amerman, in the absence of Mrs. Allen, Chairman, reported on the Mexican field, reading two letters from that section.

Dr. Thwing of Fort Wrangel, Alaska, has written asking that he may be given power of attorney to lease some of our property. When Mr. McAfee left for Alaska, he had power to act relative to the Chilkat property, also at Juneau, but not at Fort Wrangel. Mr. Olin suggested that we send a provisional power of attorney to Dr. Thwing that is, power to act, if in conference with Mr. McAfee, it coincides with his judgment. Motion made and carried, that Dr. Thwing be so empowered.

Mr. Ross of Albuquerque, N.M., reports that the appropriation made for repairs does not quite cover the expenses, the amount expended exceeding that appropriation by about 15.00. This amount which was paid out by Mr. Ross, has been forwarded by Mr. Olin, and the Woman's Board are asked to approve the action of the Treasurer. Motion made and carried that the action of Mr. Olin be approved, and that reimbursement be made.

Mr. Ross asks if, in some way, a carpet may not be secured for Miss McNair's room. Her room is on the first floor, and has had matting upon it, but this is very much worn and a carpet is very much needed. After conversation, it was moved that the matter be referred to Mrs. Baker, to see if in correspondence with societies desiring to help in the line of furnishings, she might not be able to obtain a carpet. Motion carried.

Dr. Duncan has given a report in detail,in regard to Locust Level,N.C. property,giving the amount of land,the improvements,the buildings,and all the brick left from the foundation of the old building. After conversation on the subject,Mrs Sinclair moved that we open negotiations with the Southern Church,ascertaining if we should erect a building and put it into their hands, whether they would carry on the work or not. Motion carried.

A letter was presented by Mrs. Pierson,from Mrs Bladkburn,asking if in some way a small salary might not be allowed her daughter (Miss Nellie),who was for some time under commission, but at present is not. Mrs. Blackburn and Miss Nellie have built a little house in a cove in Tannessee,and are doing a good work there among the people,gathering the children into Sunday School and doing other missionary work. Although the Board considers that Miss Blackburn is doing good work,yet they do not see their way clear to make any appropriation; therefore,the following action was made and carried: "Inasmuch as we cannot make an appropriation from our funds,we ask Dr. Duncan to try to obtain the Public School fund as a reimbursement for the services which Miss Blackburn will give."

Meeting adjourned at 12.45.